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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional, noncontinuing patent application for:

Title: STABILIZATION OF COOKED PASTA  
COMPOSITIONS USING WHEY FROM  
NISIN-PRODUCING CULTURES

First Named Inventor or  
Application Identifier: PASCH et al.

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- ( ) Priority of application number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
- ( ) A MicroFiche Computer Program (Appendix) is enclosed.
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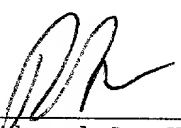
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